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                    For:                VEHICLE-BORNE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
    COUNTERING AN INCOMING THREAT  
                    Group:              3661  
                    Docket No.:      RAY-144J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the subject application.

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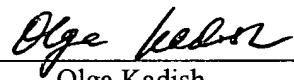
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.